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bar from a determination by a court only to a determination by a jury, unless the parties agreed otherwise. So we are simply assuring those who must resolve in litigation a question of whether or not a statute of limitations bars the action. We are assuring those litigants the opportunity of trial by jury, unless they agree otherwise. And I would urge the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Discussion on LB 165? Seeing none, Senator Brashear. He waives cosing. The question is the advancement of LB 165. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: The bill advances. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, I do, Madam President. Your Committee on Education reports 578 to General File. Banking reports 136 to General File with amendments. Judiciary, 437 to General File with amendments; and 882 to General File. New bill, LB 588A, by Senator Vrtiska. (Read by title for the first time.) Amendments to be printed to 362 from Senator Chambers; Senator Hilgert has amendments to 641; Senator Maurstad to LB 249. That's all I have at this time. (See pages 929-36 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 363.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 363 was introduced by Senator Brashear. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 15th, referred to Judiciary Committee. They report the bill to General File with no committee amendments attached.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Madam Chairman, members of the body, the purpose of LB 368...363 is to simply extend, from 10 days to 20 days, the period which an individual has to respond in actions before the county court. This would apply to defendants. This is the period within which someone who has had an action